

ADMINISTRATION WAS SMALL

Administration Railroad Bill Barely Saved From Defeat.

EVEN DIVISION AT TIMES

Commerce Court Provision Retained by Tie in Vote.

FATE OF MEASURE IN DOUBT

Republican Insurgents Unite With Democrats in House Against President Taft's Policy.

Convincing proof of the disorganized condition of the republican party in the House of Representatives was furnished yesterday when the administration railroad bill, favorably reported by the interstate and foreign commerce committee and urged by President Taft, was all but shot to pieces. The measure has been the subject of general debate in the House for the past two days, and yesterday it was taken up for the first time under the five-minute rule.

The result was all but disastrous. By the barest possible margins some of the principal features of the bill were saved from defeat. Several times the friends of the measure could muster a majority of only one. And as a climax, the entire commerce court section of the bill—the section in which the President, judging from his repeated statement on the subject, is most interested—was retained by a tie vote, Representative Bennett of New York, who was in the chair, casting the deciding ballot.

Record Vote Not Possible. It must not be forgotten, either, in this connection, that the bill was considered in committee on the whole, where a record vote and no vote is not possible to obtain under the rules. What will happen to the measure when its consideration under the five-minute rule is completed, and it is taken up for passage in the House itself remains to be seen.

Naturally, the republican leaders in the House are extremely worried. They expect lively opposition to the measure, but the strength of the protest recorded yesterday on the series of votes was a revelation to them. It is conceded on all sides that the fate of the bill is very much in doubt. The effort to put the bill out of business was backed by the aid and minority strength, aided and abetted by fifteen republican insurgents. On the other hand, twelve real and near insurgents voted with the regulars to save the measure from destruction. It was apparent throughout the day that the split in the ranks of the House republicans was, if anything, wider than ever. The recent White House effort to reconcile the difference of the warring factions had been utterly without avail.

Under Constant Fire. From the time the House convened yesterday until adjournment was had, late in the afternoon, the administration railroad bill was under constant fire. There are twenty-seven sections in the bill, but, owing to the repeated attacks of the democrats and their insurgent republican allies, only three sections were considered. Today will give both sides a respite, as this is calendar Wednesday, when outside committee business, in order under special rules, will be considered. So the republican and democratic whips will work hard for the next twenty-four hours to hold their members in line and, if possible, to obtain new recruits to their strength. The republican insurgents may possibly get together also to figure out a concerted plan of action on the bill, which emerges from the committee of the whole and becomes subject to record voting in the House.

At the first vote of the bill after all amendments under the five-minute rule have been concluded and it is taken up in the House will probably determine the fate of the measure. At present, Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee and in charge of the bill on the floor, will move the previous question. If this motion carries the fight will be over and the measure will pass. But if the motion for the previous question is defeated, as now looks at least probable, the bill will be wide open for amendments of all kinds.

Privileges of the Combine. In continuing in the House their fight against the railroad bill the democrats and their republican insurgent allies also have the privilege of making a motion to recommitt the bill is taken up as it emerges from committee of the whole. It is impossible to predict, with the House as evenly divided as yesterday, the result of such a motion. The ultimate fate of the measure.

When the bill was taken up yesterday, Representative Hubbard of Iowa, an insurgent, moved to strike out the entire paragraph relating to a commerce court, representative of New York, moved to strike out the paragraph relating to the commerce court, but, after announcing his own vote in the negative, defeated the motion. Representative Fitzgerald of New York protested that in such a case the chair had no right to vote, but the point of order was overruled.

A demand for the tellers was made, and while the vote was being taken Speaker Cannon hurried into the chamber from his private room to reduce the number of judges of the commerce court from five to three and the Wanger amendment to increase their terms of service on the court from five to ten years were similarly defeated.

Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin carried an amendment providing for the designation of the judges of the commerce court by the Supreme Court of the United States instead of by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, and it was adopted, as was his amendment providing that the commerce court should be organized in the first instance by the Supreme Court of the United States instead of by the President, as recommended by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

The vote on this was 135 to 131, the insurgent republicans voting almost solely to take this power from the President. The amendment offered by Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, a leading insurgent, to strengthen the provision that the commerce court should be organized in the first instance by the Supreme Court, was adopted by a vote of 139 to 90.

Lenroot Amendment Defeated. An amendment by Mr. Lenroot, insuring the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States in special cases, was defeated, 134 to 135.

Representative Morris Shephard of Texas, supporting that the important amendment had been disposed of and that there would be no further calls for tellers.

Thursday's Bargain Sale Prices Make a Bold Bid for Vast Patronage

Women's \$3 & \$3.50 \$2.69
Summer Oxfords, \$2.69

For one day we offer choice of 18 styles of Women's Smart, Snappy Spring and Summer Oxfords at a worth-while saving—\$2.69 for usual \$3.00 and \$3.50 qualities.

In the lot are Ankle-strap Pumps, Ankle-strap One-eyele Ties, Two-button Oxfords, One and Two Eyelet Sailor Ties, Three-eyele Christy and Blucher Ties, in tan calf, patent kid, patent colt, glaze kid, gun metal calf and mat kid, also black suede.

Hand-sewed welt and turns. Sizes 2½ to 8; AA to E widths.

10c Cans of Peas at 6c Each.

THIS COUPON and 6c entitle the bearer to regular 10c size can of Early June Peas, select quality, Thursday, April 28.

Lowney's 10c Cocoa, 2 for 13c.

THIS COUPON and 13c entitle the bearer to TWO regular 10c size cans of Lowney's Breakfast Cocoa Thursday, April 28.

5c Baking Powder, 2 for 5c.

THIS COUPON and 5c entitle the bearer to TWO regular 5c cans of Rumford's Powder Thursday, April 28.

\$7 CREX RUGS.

Large-room-size (8x10 ft.) Crex Rugs, in plain bordered and patterned designs, plenty of green—the most sought-after color; tape-bound sides and fringed ends. Sanitary and durable. Worth \$7.00. Sale price \$4.88.

STATIONERY LEADERS. 10c "Auld Scotia" Type-writing Paper.

5c quire...Box of 50c Linen Writing Paper and 5c bottle of Carter's Ink, both for 25c. Paraffin Wax Paper, 2 sheets for 3c. Indelible Marking Outfit, for marking linen, stationery, etc., complete set for 25c. Fine Quality Pencil, Stationery Cards, 12c pack.

\$4 UNTRIMMED HATS.

Special lot of Java Untrimmed Hats; have the appearance and weight of a fine leghorn; in medium and large shapes, suitable for women's and misses' wear. Worth \$4.00. Sale price \$1.98.

15c HOSIERY.

Women's Medium-weight Black Cotton Stockings, with extra double heel and toe; good elastic quality; warranted fast black. Usual 15c kind for 10c.

CHILD'S 25c HOSE.

Children's Fast Black and Tan 1x1 Ribbed Lisle Stockings, with double heel, toe and toe patch. Regular price, 25c a pair. Sale price 15c.

\$2.50 SUIT CASES.

Matting Suit Cases; nicely bound with russet K-rail, lined with light steel frame; extra double heel and toe; warranted fast black. Usual 24-inch size. Worth \$2.50. Sale price \$1.39.

TOILET WARES.

Half-ounce bottles of Pilex Extracts, 25c a bottle. 5c sorbent Cotton, 3c carton. Orangetec Sticks, 6 for 5c. Colgate's Dental Cream, 10c tube. Petroleum Jelly, half-lb. jar, 8c. 25c-size boxes of Genuine Laxative Bromo-Pine, 15c. Dr. Lyons's Tooth Powder, 15c. 10c Face Chamolice, 5c each.

MEN'S 17c HOSE.

Men's Seamless Half Hose, of fine gauge, in plain black, tan, gray, navy, burgundy, purple and lavender, all sizes. Sale price, pair, 12½c.

MEN'S 50c UNDERWEAR.

Underwear, of madras, in coat style without sleeves; knee-length drawers; also Otis Balbriggan Underwear; shirts with short or long sleeves; drawers with short or long sleeves. Choice at 50c.

MEN'S 75c SHIRTS.

Men's White Platted Negligé Shirts, with extra full cut and well made; all sizes. Regular 75c value at 50c.

15c NAINSOOK.

White Check Nainsook; fine, firm grade, in a large assortment of checks. Sold regularly at 15c yard. Sale price 10c.

\$1.50 NAINSOOK.

Superior Quality Genuinely Imported English Nainsook; a fine, soft-finish grade; closely woven; full one yard wide and 12 yard in each piece. Worth \$1.50. Sale price \$1.19.

75c AND 85c FOULARDS.

Imported Waterproof and A-d Foulards; 24 inches wide; all silk, in a large variety of popular designs, such as space dots, polka dots, hairline stripes, neat figures, etc.; colors of navy, alic, garnet, green, brown, lavender, copenhagen, gray, tan, reseda, etc., etc. Worth 75c and 85c yard. Sale price 49c.

19c SHANTUNG.

Imported Mercerized Shantung; 42-inch wide; has the exact appearance of the all silk, with a permanent finish; launders perfectly; colors are natural, tan, light blue, pink, reseda, brown, copenhagen, alic, etc. Worth 19c yard. Sale price 12½c.

15c FOULARDS.

Mercerized Foulards; a rich variety of colors, in a large assortment of stylish effects, such as cluster dots, neat figures and scrolls. Sold regularly at 15c yard. Sale price 934c.

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Clearing Sale of Women's Cloth Suits

Lines That Formerly Sold Up to \$30 and \$35 Reduced to \$12.75

A stock-righting movement among the Women's Spring Suits that deals a decisive blow at regular prices—and makes other stores' sales seem futile and weak, as, indeed, they are when compared with these values.

Included are High-class Tailored Suits sold up to \$35.00, embracing imported serges, chevots, homespun, sharkskin weaves, imported diagonal wales, basket cloth, broken checks and mannish mixtures.

Styles include Russian blouses, embroidered suits, braided suits, silk-trimmed suits and plain tailored suits. Jackets lined with satin duchesse, taffetas and peau de cygne. In the newest shades and black. Choice at \$12.75.

Men's Spring Suits.

Values Worth \$12.50, \$13.50 and \$15.00,

At \$8.95

If you expect to pay \$12.50 to \$15.00 for a new Spring Suit we want you to come tomorrow and see this lot we have marked for Thursday's special selling at \$8.95. You will be glad to pocket the difference between our sale price and the regular prices such garments are usually sold for.

They consist of pure worsteds, chevots and camelers, in grays, fancy blues, steel, tan, brown effects, dark mixtures, fancy grays, novelty weaves and plain blues. Correct 3-button sack styles; lined with serge or alpaca. Sizes in the lot from 31 to 42 chest measurement. Choice at \$8.95.

19c LINEN.

Natural Tan Dress Linens; a superior quality, for 19c. Sold regularly at 19c. Sale price 12½c.

50c DIAGONALS.

38-inch Broad-wale Diagonals; extra close woven, firm quality; in black and navy blue. Worth 50c yard. Sale price 39c.

50c SERGE.

38-inch Cream Storm Serge, with correct material for making spring and summer suits and skirts. Regular price, 50c yard. Sale price 29c.

LINING LAWN.

40-inch Lining Lawn, in all colors, suitable for lining waists, dresses, making princess slips, etc. Sale price 1034c.

UNION SUITS.

Women's Union Suits; low neck and sleeveless; silk-taped neck and arms. Regular price 39c. Sale price 39c.

50c VESTS.

Women's Swiss-ribbed Vests; low neck and sleeveless; silk-taped neck and arms. Regular price 50c. Sale price 35c.

\$1 PILLOWS.

Cretone Pillow Slips, in assorted colors; complete with pillow. Worth \$1.00. Sale price 50c.

35c TABLE DAMASK.

Table Damask, 36-inch Bleached Damask, for general use; in seven pretty patterns. Worth 35c. Sale price 19c.

12½c TOWELS.

Extra-large-size Hemmed Linen—finish Huck Towels, with guaranteed fast-color red borders; size 10x40 inches. Worth 12½c each. Sale price 834c.

\$1 NAPKINS.

250 dozen Mercerized Napkins; assorted patterns. 5-8 size. Worth \$1.00 dozen. Sale price 69c.

12½c CANNON CLOTH.

42-inch Linen-finish Colored Cannon Cloth, in light blue, cadet blue, tan, pink, lavender, etc. Suitable for making women's and children's dresses and suits. Worth 12½c yard. Sale price 934c.

APRON GINGHAMS.

Standard Apron Gingham, in blue, brown and green checks; various fast colors. Worth 50c yard. Sale price 578c.

79c JAP SILK.

36-inch Black Japanese Silk; water and perspiration proof; all-silk, suitable for making women's and children's dresses and suits. Worth 79c yard. Sale price 59c.

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65c SHEETS.

50 dozen 81x90 "Argyle" Bleached Sheets; double-bed size with welded seam; made from heavy close-woven sheeting. Sold regularly at 65c each. Sale price 49c.

10c COTTON.

Yard-wide Bleached Cotton; a fine, close woven starch; suitable for making undergarments. Worth 10c yard. Sale price 734c.

10c & 12½c RIBBON.

Nos. 1 and 1½ Satin Taffeta Ribbon, in white, pink and light blue; five and ten yard bolts. Sold regularly at 10c and 12½c. Sale price 5c.

75c & \$1 EMBROIDERY.

27-inch Swiss Embroidery, in a large assortment of desirable patterns; all new, crisp patterns. Sold regularly 75c and \$1.00 yard. Sale price 59c.

75c TUCKED NET.

In white, butter and arabic colors; suitable for making yokes, sleeves, gumpies, etc. Sold regularly at 75c yard. Sale price 49c.

8c & 10c EMBROIDERY.

Swiss and Cambray Embroidery, in medium and wide edges, assorted designs; good heavy edges. Worth 8c and 10c yard. Sale price 5c.

39c VAL LACES.

Sale of French Valenciennes Laces, in a good assortment of new patterns; complete match sets; medium and wide widths; full 12 yards in each piece. Worth 39c piece. Sale price 25c.

39c ROSES.

Silk Roses for finishing the collars; a new neckwear. Worth 39c each. Sale price 19c.

25c NECKWEAR.

Imported Edgeline Stock Collars, with high backs; large variety of new patterns. Worth 25c each. Sale price 12½c.

22c CASES.

45x36 Salem Bleached Pillow Cases, large size. Made from genuine 3-inch hem. Sold regularly at 22c each. Sale price 15c.

19c DIMITY.

50 pieces of Imported White Cheviot Dimity, an extra fine quality. In various size checks. The correct material for making waists and dresses. Worth 19c yard. Sale price 12½c.

25c BATISTE.

White Embroidered Batiste, with handsome white silk woven designs. The correct white fabric for spring and summer wearables. Worth 25c yard. Sale price 12½c.

18c INDIA LINON.

30-inch White India Linon, an extra fine, crisp quality, made of selected Egyptian combed yarn. Regular price, 18c yard. Sale price 934c.

35c POPLIN.

White Yarn Mercerized Poplin, in plain and white satin-stripe effects. One of the most sought after fabrics for making suits, waists and separate skirts. Launders perfectly. Worth 35c yard. Sale price 19c.

BOYS' SUITS.

Double-Breasted Suits, with knickerbocker pants; light and dark patterns; sizes from 4 to 14. Values worth up to \$4.50. Sale price \$2.69.

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Navy Blue Serge Double-Breasted Suits, with knickerbocker pants; sizes from 6 to 17 years; full cut and lined. Sold regularly at \$6.00 and \$8.00. Sale price \$4.75.

BOYS' BLOUSES.

Of blue chambray, with collars attached; full-cut sizes from 5 to 15 years. Sold regularly at 25c and 35c each. Sale price 18c.

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Untrimmed Hats, 98c
Regular \$2 Value, at . . .

Whenever the opportunity presents itself to secure out-of-the-ordinary advantages in millinery you can depend upon us doing it.

Tomorrow's underprice offering concerns a big lot of Women's Fashionable Untrimmed Hats at half customary cost—98c for choice of hats usually retailed at two dollars.

Beautiful shapes in small, medium and large Hats, in all burnt or burnt with black facings, white with black facings and black with white facings. Very smart and dressy styles. Choice at 98c.

10c Maryland Biscuit, 6c a Package.

THIS COUPON and 6c entitle the bearer to regular 10c packages of Maryland Biscuit, Co.'s Graham Crackers, Butter Thin Biscuits, Wafers or Saltines Thursday, April 28.

Gillies' Coffee, 19c a Pound.

THIS COUPON and 19c a pound for Gillies' well known "J. M. M." Coffee, acknowledged the best quality coffee sold for less than 25c or 30c a lb.

Snider's 25c Ketchup at 14c a Bottle.

THIS COUPON and 14c entitle the bearer to regular 25c size bottles of Snider's best Ketchup Thursday, April 28.

CHILDREN'S HATS.

Children's Straw Hats, including tussan and leghorn; in mushroom, sailor, poke and bonnet styles; trimmed with wide ribbon bows, rosettes, flowers and ribbon. All colors. Values worth up to \$1.00. Sale price \$1.98.

15c BURLAP.

One case of Yard-wide Burlap; a heavy, close-woven, basket-weave grade; suitable for floor and wall coverings; also Curtains and Table Covers, in green, red, brown, blue and tan. Sold regularly at 15c yard. Sale price 10½c.

75c MATTING RUGS.

Lot of Japanese Matting Rugs; size 36 ft. by 36 ft.; close-woven, firm